

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: New US Patent Application Corresponding to German Application 199 62 413.5  
Filed December 22, 1999  
Title PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING A  
LAMINTE, COMPRISING AT LEAST ONE POLYMER FILM WITH  
INFORMATION AND AT LEAST ONE SUBSTRATE, FOR FURTHER  
PROCESSING FOR FORGERY-PROOF DOCUMENTS  
Applicant Kiener et al  
Attorney Docket (K) 54 039

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 3, line 1, after "Claim 1" cancel "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, after "according to" cancel "one of the preceding claims" and  
insert -- claim 1 --.

Claim 8, line 1, after "according to" cancel "one of the preceding claims" and  
insert -- claim 1 --.

Claim 9, line 1, after "according to" cancel "one of the preceding claims" and  
insert -- claim 1 --.

Claim 10, line 1, after "according to" cancel "one of the preceding claims" and  
insert -- claim 1 --.

Claim 11, line 1, after "according to" cancel "one of the preceding claims" and  
insert -- claim 1 --.

Claim 12, line 1, after "according to" cancel "one of the preceding claims" and  
insert -- claim 1 --.

Claim 13, line 5, after "according to" cancel "one of Claims 1 to 12" and  
insert -- claim 1 --.

Claim 14, line 5, after "according to" cancel "one of Claims 1 to 12" and  
insert -- claim 1 --.

Claim 15, line 1, after "Claim 13" cancel "or 14".

Claim 16, line 1, after "according to" cancel "one of Claims 13 to 15" and  
insert -- claim 13 --.

Claim 18, line 1, after "according to" cancel "one of Claims 13 to 17" and  
insert -- claim 13 --.

Claim 19, line 1, after "according to" cancel "one of Claims 13 to 18" and  
insert -- claim 13 --.

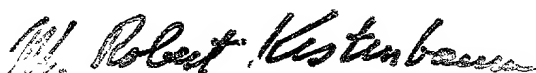
Claim 20, line 1, after "according to" cancel "one of Claims 13 to 19" and  
insert -- claim 13 --.

#### Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment removes multiple dependencies in the claims.

Please calculate the Filing Fee according to this Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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